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Applicant : Syde Taheri  
Appl. No. : 10/754,919  
Filed : January 10, 2004  
For : TEMPORARY ABSORBABLE  
VENOUS OCCLUSIVE STENT  
AND SUPERFICIAL VEIN  
TREATMENT METHOD  
Examiner : Saran K. Webb  
Group Art Unit : 3731

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed February 17, 2005 in the above referenced application. In response to the restriction/election requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-10 and 20, drawn to an apparatus. Further, Applicant elects Species A, Fig. 2, to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claims 1-7 and 20 are readable on the elected species. Applicant believes that at least Claims 1 and 20 are generic to Species A, B and C of Group I. This election is made without traverse.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

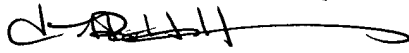
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Respectfully submitted,

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